



PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 08442.0002-04000

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
Joseph C. Cauthen ) Group Art Unit: 3738  
Application No.: 10/085,040 ) Examiner: U. Chattopadhyay  
Filed: March 1, 2002 )  
For: INTERVERTEBRAL DISC )  
ANNULUS STENT )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicant hereby petitions for a one-month extension of time to reply to the Office  
Action of June 29, 2004. A fee of \$55.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge  
any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

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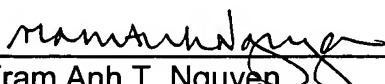
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Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: October 8, 2004

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